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Majority prices were higher in the East and West, irregular, but mostly unchanged in the Midwest. Demand covered the full range, mostly moderate at best for retail; food service was moderate to very good, best for fast food and restaurants. Supplies were sufficient to close balanced for trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were tight to no more than adequate and clearing. Dark meat was balanced and moving, and wings were adequate, closer balanced for larger cuts. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 05/19/03-05/23/03 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)			COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
	Delivered to First Receivers				
Bos/New Eng	56.00-57.00	56.67	21	58.67	52
Chicago	49.00-52.00	52.52	40	54.79	78
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	57.93	24
Denver	69.50	69.43	17	66.15	25
Detroit	50.00-52.00	51.93	14	56.87	43
Los Angeles	70.00	67.85	63	65.88	136
New York	54.00-57.00	55.13	23	58.01	47
Philadelphia	55.00-57.00	55.00	11	53.61	22
Pittsburgh	54.00-57.00	55.36	11	57.94	53
St. Louis	51.50-51.75	51.20	23	52.68	42
San Francisco	70.50	68.95	31	70.15	60

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	05/19/03	Change/Last Wk	05/12/03	05/20/02
587	60.00	0.98	59.02	56.77

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	55.00-57.00	56.82	33
Central	52.00-59.50	57.56	67
West	53.00-67.00	62.38	44

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	64.00-65.50	64.59	83
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 64.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,170	49.00-66.75	63.12

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	189.00	1,407
BREASTS - B/S	171.50	5,101
BREASTS - WHOLE	92.50	1,553
THIGH MEAT - B/S	62.50	961
LEG QUARTERS	22.50	9,266
WINGS	72.50	3,433

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole/fryers was fair to fairly good entering the week. Offerings of all sizes ranged balanced to adequate for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were generally adequate. The balance of items ranged adequate to tight.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand following the weekend was moderate to good and expected to continue strong due to retail ads and upcoming Memorial Day needs. Supplies were sufficient to close for trade requirements. In the parts structure, movement was also moderate to good with availability of all items no more than adequate, tightest for breast items. In production areas, live supplies were moderate with weights mixed, but mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was firm. Trading reported for delivery this week at mainly higher prices. Offerings were in fair balance on whole body less than 3.5 pounds and adequate overall on heavier weights. Buying activity was selective. Retailer demand was moderate to fairly good. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. Trading reported on parts: leg quarters bulk and 4/10s 25-27.5, boneless leg meat and thigh meat mid 60s, drumstick low 30s, breast bone-in 98-106 and boneless 157-172. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was up 4.18 to 57.75 with the volume reported at 32 loads down 9 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Majority prices into the Michigan area decreased slightly, Ohio cities too few to report and remaining areas unchanged from last Monday's final majorities. Whole fryer market tone was steady to fully steady. Offerings were balanced. Movement into all channels was fair to very good, best into food service. Floor stocks were adequate to in close balance. Weights mostly desirable. Parts interest was for current needs only with moderate to instances good buyer interest. Supplies balanced and held with confidence. The market tone was steady to fully steady on jumbo wings and breast items, and steady on leg quarters and regular wings.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds varied from slowed at some plants, to instances good. Seller offerings were adequate and were in generally good balance. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 55 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. In the parts complex, supplies were adequate to tight. Bone-in breasts were a bit more available while wings were sometimes short.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	51-69
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	58.21
NO. OF BOXES	8,108

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was mostly moderate entering the week. Offerings of breast items were tight to no more than adequate. Dark meat cuts were about adequate and clearing. Tenderloins and wings were well balanced and clearing satisfactorily. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was fully steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		170	166.41	540,640
TENDERLOINS	150-155		157.27	120,100
BREAST - WITH RIBS	90-91		97.07	202,760
BREAST - LINE RUN	90		95.33	129,480
LEGS	34-35		35.03	287,400
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26-27		24.40	546,530
DRUMSTICKS	26-27		31.78	143,930
THIGHS	27-28		37.24	40,030
B/S THIGHS	64-65		68.42	83,540
WINGS (WHOLE)	65-66		73.79	219,750
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		12.20	31,560
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	25-30		27.41	7,960
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35-40		40.76	20,308

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,375	139.00-176.00	148-160	155.86
TENDERLOINS	238	143.00-197.00	-	161.38
BREAST - WITH RIBS	359	91.00-105.00	91-97	95.15
FRONT HALVES	694	70.00-81.00	70-73	73.69
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	929	19.00-21.00	-	20.90
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,395	20.00-24.00	22-23	22.96
WINGS (WHOLE)	769	63.00-78.00	70	69.53
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	1,240	18.00-20.00	-	19.48

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	05/19	05/15	05/15	05/12	05/08
ALA	4,040	4,012	5.10	3,975	5.12
ARK	5,255	5,085	4.99	5,160	4.83
DELMARVA	2,409	2,390	5.10	2,296	5.12
KY-LA-TN	1,954	1,945	4.75	1,935	4.67
MISS	2,962	2,830	5.13	2,968	5.17
NC	2,575	2,556	5.99	2,534	6.09
TEXAS	2,462	2,461	4.86	2,417	4.86
TOTAL	21,657	21,279	5.12	21,285	5.13
MON	21,657(A)			21,285(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 19-May 2003 is estimated to be 32,401,000 up 1.44 percent from a week ago and up 2.73 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,940,000 last year 31,539,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	928	159.00-250.00	160-165	173.41
TENDERLOINS	223	158.00-211.00	158-162	166.15
BREAST - LINE RUN	93	92.00-96.00	93-95	93.38
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	123	27.00-39.00	27-28	28.07
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	610	21.00-23.00	22	21.92
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,070	22.00-28.00	24-25	24.79
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	69.00-73.00	-	72.34
WINGS (CUT)	431	77.00-88.00	83-85	82.92
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR MAY 19, 2003 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
50.50 - 53.50	51.90	50.85

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF MAY 19-23, 2003

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	140.00 - 179.00	162.00 - 172.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	90.00 - 106.00	92.00 - 98.00
LEGS	30.00 - 40.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	21.00 - 26.00	23.00 - 24.00
DRUMSTICKS	23.00 - 35.00	-
THIGHS	25.00 - 35.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	61.00 - 77.00	70.00 - 72.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 15.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 40.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 45.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	82
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8 & 9 PIECES	85-89
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	88-94
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	63
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	104-105
DRY PACK	97-99
ICE PACK	
ROASTERS 4# & UP	113
DRY PACK	104-105
ICE PACK	
HENS OVER 5#	91-98
ICE PACK	
DRY PACK	
DUCKS	155-166

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

CHICKEN 16-MAY-2003
 — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.75-18.50	15.75-17.00	786,000	526,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.10	15.94		
15-20%				
RANGE	14.30	11.00-15.00	1,952,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	14.30	12.17		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	80,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

CHICKEN 16-MAY-2003
 — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
 (Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	15.00-17.00	186,200	-
WTD AVERAGE		15.96		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-15.00	11.00-16.00	2,040,000	285,600
WTD AVERAGE	13.29	12.75		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	12.00	32,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		12.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair at best for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings. Movement of finished product was mostly fair to moderate. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER

THE WEEK OF 19-MAY-03.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-9.5	8-8.5	8.17
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were fair with schedules sufficient for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 19-MAY-03

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-11	8-9	8.55

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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